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State revokes, suspends licenses, certifications, registrations of health care providers

OLYMPIA — The Washington State Department of Health has revoked or suspended the licenses, certifications, or registrations of health care providers in our state. The department has also immediately suspended the credentials of people who have been prohibited from practicing in other states.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Division works with boards, commissions and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 80 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency's website. Click on "[Look up a healthcare provider license](#)" in the "How Do I?" section of the [Department of Health home page](#) (www.doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are also encouraged to call and report their complaint.

Chelan County

In March 2015 the Pharmacy Commission entered into an agreement with pharmacist intern and pharmacy assistant **Brian J. Deshazo** (IR60115509, VB60048688) that indefinitely suspends his credentials. In 2010 Deshazo was arrested in connection with reckless driving. That same year he was convicted of reckless endangerment after a police officer seized a smoking device and designer drugs from his car. A police officer seized designer drugs from Deshazo's car after a 2011 arrest in connection with driving while intoxicated. Deshazo hasn't completed a substance abuse monitoring program's evaluation and withdrew from Washington State University's College of Pharmacy.

Clark County

In March 2015 the Medical Commission indefinitely suspended the physician credential of **Timothy T. Ross** (MD00019932). In 2014 Ross surrendered his Oregon license after that state's medical board found he had engaged in unprofessional conduct involving controlled substances. Also in 2014 Ross voluntarily surrendered his federal Drug Enforcement Administration

registration, and pleaded guilty to three counts of failing to keep records relating to dispensing hydrocodone in Washington.

In March 2015 the Massage Practitioner Program indefinitely suspended the massage practitioner credential of **Todd Christiansen, also known as Todd Harris** (MA00008311), who didn't report that his Oregon license had been suspended.

Grays Harbor County

In March 2015 the Occupational Therapy Board suspended for at least five years the occupational therapy assistant credential of **Willis Jay Grinols IV** (OC60165362). Grinols didn't comply with a substance abuse monitoring contract. He admitted stealing cash and checks from two elderly patients, and said he had a methamphetamine addiction. In 2014 Grinols was convicted of two counts of second-degree identity theft, four counts of forgery, and one count of second-degree theft. After determining that Grinols financially exploited a vulnerable adult, the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services prohibited him from being employed in caring for or having unsupervised access to vulnerable adults.

King County

In November 2014 the secretary of health revoked the licensed massage practitioner credential of **Sufang Zou** (MA60199863), who in 2014 was convicted of prostitution.

In March 2015 the Medical Commission indefinitely suspended the medical credential of physician **Deborah Cahill** (MD00022279) based upon her inability to practice with reasonable skill and safety because of a mental or physical condition. She may not petition for reinstatement until and unless the Washington Physician Health Program endorses her as safe to practice.

In March 2015 the Unlicensed Practice Program entered into an agreement with **Christopher Marston** requiring him to cease and desist from the practice of reflexology, unless he obtains a license to do so. Marston must pay a \$250 fine. Marston practiced reflexology and used the term "certified reflexologist" before state law created that profession.

In March 2015 the secretary of health suspended for at least three years the registered nursing assistant credential of **Christina Amonoo**, also known as Janet Afua Azanor (NA00199349). Amonoo used fraudulent documents to allow her to work in the United States. She used a false name to receive her license.

In March 2015 the Nursing Assistant Program immediately suspended the registered nursing assistant credential of **Bryan A. Pierard** (NA00119352). The Washington State Department of Social and Health Services found Pierard financially exploited a vulnerable adult, and barred him from being employed in caring for or having unsupervised access to vulnerable adults.

Kitsap County

In March 2015 the Nursing Commission immediately suspended the licensed practical nurse credential of **Joyce Marie Henning** (LP00047808). Henning's Colorado license was suspended in 2015 after she didn't comply with an order to attend an appointment for a mental examination. In April the commission entered into an agreement with Henning to lift the suspension of her credential. Henning is required to participate in a substance use monitoring program.

Lewis County

In March 2015 the secretary of health suspended for at least two years the registered nursing assistant and certified nursing assistant credentials of **Ashley Nicole Edmonds** (NA60292529, NC60300211). Edmonds worked at a long-term care facility. She sprayed a resident in the face with water, put her hand over the resident's mouth to make the resident stop yelling, and got into a verbal altercation with a resident.

Pierce County

In March 2015 the Nursing Commission suspended the registered nurse credential of **Robert J. Rodarte** (RN00150356), who didn't comply with a substance abuse monitoring contract.

Spokane County

In March 2015 the secretary of health suspended for at least 24 months the registered nursing assistant credential of **Tricia Ann Lund** (NA00061203). Lund worked at an assisted living facility. She was assigned to care for a developmentally delayed patient who has frequent seizures, has issues with her balance and is prone to falls. Lund on two occasions left the patient alone in her apartment when the patient became agitated and tried to destroy property. She also didn't supervise the patient during a shower. The patient fell and hit her head. The Washington State Department of Social and Health Services found Lund neglected a vulnerable adult. Lund may not be employed in caring for or having unsupervised access to vulnerable adults.

Thurston County

In March 2015 the Unlicensed Practice Program entered into an agreement with **Haley-Ann Whitson**, Daniel Kraft and Aquatic Antibiotics that requires them to cease and from the practice of pharmacy and pharmacy manufacturing. They must pay \$1,000 fines. Whitson owns a business called Aquatic Antibiotics. Kraft, who owns the property where the business is located, is associated with the business and with Whitson. With no licenses, they bought antibiotics from a manufacturer, and repackaged and sold them as antibiotics for fish.

In March 2015 the Nursing Commission entered into an agreement with registered nurse **Robin N. Johnson** (RN60290593) under which her credential is suspended for at least 12 months. Several times, Johnson took a severely developmentally disabled non-verbal adult patient to her home. Johnson's husband inflicted domestic violence on her. Johnson bound the patient with

rope and secluded him in a bathroom on her husband's orders. She also secluded the patient in a bathroom and left the patient unattended; at times she left the house for hours. Johnson said she did these things under the threat of violence. Johnson must complete psychological exam before she can request reinstatement. If she is allowed to practice again, it will be under a minimum of two years of close supervision.

Yakima County

In March 2015 the secretary of health ordered **Yunhong Li** to cease and desist from the practice of massage. Li allegedly offered to perform a massage for \$60.

Out of State

Alaska: In March 2015 the Nursing Commission suspended the registered nurse credential of **Leigh A. Bromley** (RN00133967), who didn't comply with a substance abuse monitoring contract.

Idaho: In March 2015 the Nursing Commission immediately suspended the registered nurse credential of **Sandra Jean St. George** (RN00085058). Charges say that while working at a skilled nursing facility, St. George didn't call an ambulance right away for a patient whose symptoms included weakness on her left side, slurred speech and a droop on the left side of the mouth. The Washington State Department of Social and Health Services found St. George neglected a vulnerable adult. She may not be employed in caring for or having unsupervised access to vulnerable adults. St. George has requested a hearing to defend against the charges.

Oregon: In March 2015 the Nursing Commission immediately suspended the registered nurse credential of **Katherine M. Bratches** (RN00087884), who surrendered her California license after being found intoxicated in the parking lot of a facility where she worked as director of nursing. Bratches has requested a hearing to defend against the charges. In May 2015 the Nursing Commission entered into an agreement with **Bratches** that reinstates her license and requires her to participate in a substance abuse monitoring program.

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